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**LB 724**

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# FISCAL NOTE

## LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

Revised on 5/6/03 to reflect amendments adopted through 4/28/03.

### ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES \*

	FY 2003-04		FY 2004-05	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

\*Does not include impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 724 is the Nebraska Behavioral Health Reform Act. The bill requires the chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee to introduce legislation to implement the act. The bill has no fiscal impact because it only has intent language to have legislation introduced to revise statutes relating to the regional centers, the county regional governance system for behavioral health regions and the administration and funding of the behavioral health system.

The bill, as amended, repeals the requirement for mental health boards to be notified at least seven days prior to the release by a treatment facility of a person committed by a mental health board. The elimination of this requirement allows the regional centers to immediately release persons who have been committed upon completion of treatment. This will free up regional center beds which will provide quicker access for patients in crisis centers on a post-commitment basis who are waiting to be admitted to a regional center. In the long run, there may be a savings in state funds spent for clients who are in post-commitment settings.